



Food Safety licensing information and resources for agritourism and value-added agriculture

The Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) Food Safety Program licenses and inspects retail, food processing, dairy, and several other types of establishments in the state of Oregon. We work with establishments that predominantly prepare food for later consumption, while the county health department licenses and inspects restaurants and mobile food units that predominantly prepare food for immediate consumption.

Farm-direct and on-farm exemptions

ODA Food Safety's "What can I do without a license?" webpage provides information on exemptions, which include certain farm-direct, on-farm poultry processing, and home kitchen baking exemptions.

Find more information about exemptions online: <http://bit.do/FSWithoutLicense>

Licensing for alcoholic beverage production

The ODA Food Safety Program licenses operations where the predominant activity is beverage production for later consumption, such as:

- Breweries
- Wineries
- Distilleries
- Cideries

ODA typically licenses alcoholic beverage production establishments as "Food Processing Establishments."

The county health department inspects and licenses operations where on-site consumption (can include both beverages and restaurant sales) is the predominant activity.

Other value-added processing

Other value-added processing that does not qualify for an exemption would be licensed and inspected by ODA. For example, on-farm refrigerated salsa production or on-farm cheese production.

Find more information about license types and license fees online: <http://bit.do/FSLicenses>

Find your inspector!

In addition to reviewing the resources on the ODA website, the best source of information regarding food safety requirements for your establishment is your ODA Food Safety inspector.

To find your inspector, search by your zip code online: <http://bit.do/FindSpecialist>